

comply, take another quarter of a million dollars every year from the taxpayers of this state to comply with this mandate, this federal mandate, when individuals should be responsible enough on their own to at least go to register to vote. It's not that tough a thing to do and yet we have this big government program giving it to, what, six agencies so that they can all have this money to comply with this law. It's giving you an opportunity this morning to cut the budget. We haven't cut the budget at all. None of the amendments have been adopted that have been suggested here on the floor of the Legislature. We all know where millions of dollars have to be cut out of this budget and we're not going to have an opportunity, this is...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...our last opportunity this morning. I don't know if the other amendments behind me are going to be adopted but they represent only a few hundred thousand dollars. I wish you would just show that we can do it, that we want to do it, that we're trying to do it, and adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body then is the adoption of the Witek amendment. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? A record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2394 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 10 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not agreed to. Mr. Clerk, the next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend. (AM2209 appears on page 2394 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, this amendment would cut out of the budget the \$100,000 a year that's provided for two years for predator control at the state level. It's not a huge item but the reason I wanted to discuss